



Country Profile



Members of a farmers' association harvest millet in their farm in Merigi, Bomet County.

TOTAL USAID FOREIGN ASSISTANCE (FY2014):

\$384 million

COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION STRATEGY 2014 - 2018:

USAID/Kenya aims to sustainably transform the country's governance and economy through three development objectives:

- Devolution effectively implemented
- Health and human capacity strengthened
- Inclusive, market-driven environmentally sustainable economic growth

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI)
- Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)
- Feed the Future (FtF)
- Power Africa
- Trade Africa
- Global Climate Change
- Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)

Website:

www.usaid.gov/kenya

OVERVIEW

Kenya has the largest, most diversified economy and the second largest population in East Africa. Kenya also has a young, ambitious and well-educated workforce eager to contribute to the development of the country, and which has helped Kenya become a leader in mobile-money and information-and-communication technology. As "the gateway to East Africa," Kenya also plays a vital role as a transportation hub for much of sub-Saharan Africa.

PROGRAM AREAS

Health

Service Delivery and Systems Strengthening: USAID/Kenya and East Africa's health program supports the health sector in Kenya with high-impact, evidence based interventions, focused at the county level following the devolution of health sector management and service delivery to 47 new counties. USAID works with the Government of Kenya, civil society, faith-based organizations and the private sector on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; family planning and reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health; nutrition; water, sanitation and hygiene; and tuberculosis control and treatment. Interventions include technical assistance at the county and national levels to support health service delivery; training of healthcare professionals; procurement and management of health commodities; health communication and marketing; human resources for health; health financing; and information management.

USAID's efforts in these areas have contributed to significant progress in the health status of Kenyans. In just the past five years, child mortality rates declined by nearly 30%, while more women were giving birth in health facilities, and the total fertility rate decreased from 4.6 children per woman in 2008 to 3.9 children per woman in 2014. In malaria endemic areas, at least 77% of households owned an insecticide treated mosquito net. The number of people living with HIV/AIDS on treatment has gone from 36,000 in 2005 to over 740,000 people in 2014.

Agriculture and Economic Growth

Agriculture: The United States Government Feed the Future initiative in Kenya will help 500,000 small-holder farmers and their families escape the cycle of poverty. This \$250 million investment supports innovative, private-sector-led solutions and government policies to strengthen dairy, horticulture, livestock, and staple-crop value chains to increase incomes of smallholder farmers, including women and youths. In last year alone, the U.S. Government supported more than 1.7 million Kenyans, stimulated \$15 million in sales, mobilized more than \$385 million in finance and investment for the agriculture sector and rural businesses, and provided short-term agricultural productivity training for more than 270,000 individuals, 56% of whom were women.

Energy: Increased energy is critical for Kenya to fuel its economy and combat poverty. The United States Government Power Africa program will help supply more than 700 megawatts of renewable energy, enough power to support some 5 million people or 54,000 small businesses. Through direct financing, grants, technical assistance, and investment promotion, Power Africa is working to mobilize more than \$1 billion in private investment for electricity to accelerate geothermal and wind projects in Kenya

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene: USAID helped more than 2 million Kenyans access water, sanitation, and hygiene services over the past five years – and this support is trending upward with larger investments in water, sanitation, and hygiene in Kenya. Now, more than 1.1 million Kenyans have access to potable water and more than 900,000 have access to sanitation and hygiene services. Our WASH program in Kenya works with the Government of Kenya and private sector to foster market-driven solutions and reforms to support water and sanitation access, hygiene promotion, management, and environmental sustainability in rural areas, especially the arid and semi-arid lands.

Education and Youth

Partnership for Early Grade Reading: USAID is working to translate growing classroom enrolment into quality education. Pupils and teachers participated in a USAID pilot that more than doubled the percentage of Class 1 and 2 pupils able to read at national benchmarks. The Government of Kenya has launched a national reading program, based on this approach, which will reach every Class 1 and 2 pupil in Kenya's public schools.

Investing in Kenya's Youth: The Yes Youth Can Program has equipped about one million youth with skills to promote inter-ethnic cohesion, expand their economic opportunities, contribute to their communities, and become responsible members of society. By 2014, youth-led savings and credit cooperative organizations were managing \$1.4 million (KSh 120 million) in deposits and loans.

Democracy Rights and Governance

USAID is supporting Kenya's transition to devolved government, which includes the creation of 47 new county governments and transfer of some powers from the national government, by strengthening governance systems in targeted counties, supporting linkages between county and national government, and helping civil-society organizations become more sustainable and effective at representing citizen interests. USAID supports civil society through training and capacity building, linking them with private sector donors, and supporting innovative strategies and programs. In 2014, more than 2.3 million Kenyans increased their knowledge and understanding of devolution through civic education, while 47 counties benefitted from activities to support the initial roll-out of devolution.

Conflict Mitigation and Peacebuilding: USAID invests in community-driven solutions to break down barriers between conflicting groups, while addressing the causes of conflict and insecurity. In 2014, 2.8 million Kenyans participated in events that promoted understanding and resolution of conflict between groups.

Environment and Natural Resources

Biodiversity: Tourism, the country's largest foreign exchange earner, is highly dependent on Kenya's biological diversity. In 2004, USAID helped pioneer community conservancies as an effective way of protecting wildlife while improving local livelihoods. Currently 27 conservancies cover 3.1 million hectares. (7.7million acres). Over the past three years, these efforts have reduced poaching by 47 percent reduction within northern Kenya conservancy environs.

Global Climate Change: With support from USAID, Kenya is developing the first climate-change law and policy in the world, setting the standard for other countries to tackle the global threat of climate change.

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A three-year look at USAID investment in Kenya.

2013: \$260.4 million

2014: \$384.2 million

2015: \$458.6 million